March 22, 1962

River Museum Campus Martius Marietta, Ohio

Gentlemen:

In connection with your fine collection of river material, it is my thought that we could work out a mutually beneficial exchange.

There is enclosed herewith six banknotes issued during or prior to the Civil War with pictures of river boats or river craft. You will notice two of them have log rafts on the river, one with a fiddler accompanying a man doing the jig, as is found in the Bingham paintings and drawings.

You have in one of your cases a group of notes issued by the Companie De Scioto. Some of those are duplicates. We would like to have an example of each one which you might have in duplicate and wonder if such an exchange would appeal to you.

May I hear from you after you have given this matter your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN, PRESIDENT ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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the Ohio Historical Society

Campus Martius Museum Marietta, Ohio April 10, 1962

Eric P. Newman 6450 Cecil Avenue St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Sir,

We appreciate more than I can tell you, your offer to exchange the bank notes. Your letter, along with the six notes, is being forwarded to Mr. J. W. Rutter, 89 Park St., Canal Winchester, Ohio, who has been taking charge of display material for the River Museum.

In the meantime we took the liberty of having these notes photographed. The raft scenes are so interesting and do look much like the Bingham paintings.

We do hope an exchange can be worked out, for these would be interesting display pieces.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Charles Remley

Curator

Mrs. Charles Remley, Curator The Ohio Historical Society Campus Martius Museum Marietta, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Remley:

Thank you for your nice letter of April 10, 1962. I am glad that you found the pictorial material on the banknotes interesting for your museum. We also could send you some canal boat engravings on paper money if that is within your field.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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the Ohio Historical Society

Campus Martius Museum Marietta, Ohio April 17, 1962

Eric P. Newman, President
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue,
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Enclosed, we are returning the six banknotes which you so kindly sent to us. We would like to be able to make an exchange, but have found that our little notes by the Companie De Scioto were placed here permanently by the Womens Centennial Association, and can not be withdrawn.

We, of course, wish that we had these, too, but our display space is so limited. Few people realize how much of the development of the middle west was accomplished because of the rivers, and how many settlers went by raft to their new homes.

Thank you, again, for considering us. We will keep in mind the canal boat engravings, and it may be that those interested in that particular field will get in touch with you.

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Mrs. Charles Remley

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Mrs. Charles Remley, Curator Campus Martius Museum Marietta, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Remley:

After receiving your nice letter of April 17, 1962 the thought occurred to us that you might wish to have the banknotes portraying river scenes on indefinite loan from this organization. No doubt you can find a nice place to display them. We will take the responsibility of damage or loss. We are, therefore, enclosing the following banknotes:

\$20 Bank of Commerce, Savannah, Georgia, 1857. View of two log rafts with raftsmen cooking.

\$5 Timber Cutters Bank, Savannah, Georgia, 1861. View of log raft with raftsman dencing, etc.

\$1 Real Estate Banking Company, Selma, Alabama, 1862. View of two steamboats.

\$20 Mississippi and Alabama Railroad, Brandon, Mississippi, 1837. Steamboats passing on the river.

25¢ Patterson Iron Works, New Orleans, 1862. View of river steamboat.

Would you be kind enough to acknowledge receipt of the foregoing and if, at any time in the future, we can be of further assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Bric P. Newman, President

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Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen RIVER MUSEUM

Date	June 9	9,	IQ	69	2

The articles enumerated below are accepted by the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, subject to the following terms: display of the material is subject to the decisions of the River Museum Committee; material placed on loan becomes the property of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen in case of death of the owner unless other provision is stated; all loaned items may be withdrawn by owner upon presentation of this receipt; Campus Martius Museum and Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen assume no responsibility for theft, accidental damage, breakage, or loss of any loaned material by any cause. Risk insurance on loaned articles, if such is carried, must be arranged by the owner who assumes full obligation for payment of premiums.

Description:

5 Banknotes and 1 script note as per photos enclosed, containing pictures of early river craft.

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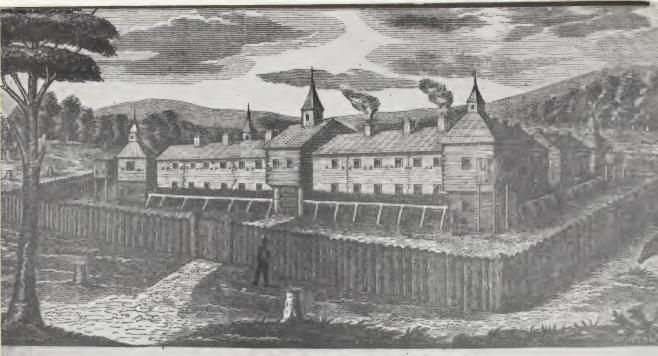






CAMPUS MARTIUS MUSEUM

THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



CAMPUS MARTIUS, IN 1791.

ON APRIL 7, 1788, forty-seven men from New England landed at the mouth of the Muskingum River and set to work cutting the forest and laying out the town of Marietta, Ohio, the first settlement to be established in the new Northwest Territory after the passage of the Ordinance of 1787. In the following months families of these pioneers and others floated down the Ohio River to settle in the log houses constructed for them in the village.

General Arthur St. Clair, recently appointed governor of the territory, arrived at Marietta on July 9 and established the seat of the territorial government. Already a large fortification was under way known as Campus Martius, which was to house many residents of the community until the conclusion of the Indian Wars in 1795. Its construction, as well as the building of the town, was supervised by Rufus Putnam, superintendent for the Ohio Company of Associates of the 1,800,000-acre land grant in the Muskingum and Hocking river valleys and along the Ohio which the company had received from congress.

The first homes in the town were built on the plain at the "point," between the Ohio and Muskingum rivers. The fort was erected on higher ground up the Muskingum, overlooking the village on the point. Campus Martius was considered a grand structure. Its four walls measured 180 feet each on the outside. At each corner of the square stockade was a blockhouse two stories high, capped by a look-

out, or sentry, tower. Homes were constructed inside the fort along the walls, or curtains, their rear walls actually forming the curtains. The fort was surrounded by a palisade of pointed pickets sloping outward. About twenty feet further was another palisade of tall, strong pickets set upright in the ground, and beyond this was an abatis of small branches and timbers, sharpened and pointing away from the fort.

Under the guiding hand of Putnam and the Ohio Company the little New England settlement on the Muskingum grew and prospered. By about 1800, fine homes, styled after New England residences, and other buildings were being erected, and handsome gardens were being planted in the lawns of the homes. The planners had foreseen a lovely town, and laid out broad streets, some ninety and others seventy feet in width. They also reserved for public enjoyment the extensive prehistoric Indian earthworks which they had found on the town site. They are still preserved today.

The first principal occupations of the Marietta pioneers, besides building homes and the fort, were to raise enough food for themselves and to protect the community from Indian attack. Soon, however, small local crafts and businesses were under way, and in 1800 a major venture in shipbuilding began when the 104-ton brig *St. Clair* was constructed. She cleared port in May 1801 under Commodore Abraham Whipple, bound for Havana, where her cargo of pork and flour was sold. She then took on sugar and sailed to Philadelphia, where she was sold for ocean trade. In the next seven years at least twenty oceangoing brigs and schooners of from 150 to 450 tons burden and some United States Navy gunboats were built on the Marietta ways. Marietta is today an attractive river town, with many fine old homes and other historic features.

Here were the beginnings from which the state of Ohio grew. For many years Marietta remained a little New England town transplanted to the West. Among its pioneer families were many whose names suggest their New England background. There were, for example, Barkers, Cushings, Cutlers, Danas, Devols, Gilmans, Greenes, Harts, Hildreths, Meigses, Nyes, Parsonses, Pratts, Putnams, Saltonstalls, Sproats, Trues, Tuppers, Varnums, and Woodbridges. The heads of many of the first families had been officers and soldiers in the American Revolution.

To memorialize the beginnings of organized settlement of the Northwest Territory and to honor the first citizens of the little town at the mouth of the Muskingum, the state of Ohio in 1931 completed the Campus Martius Museum on the site of the old fortification. Under



the administration of the Ohio Historical Society, exhibits were installed to portray life in the frontier community of Marietta and to tell the story of the origins of settlement and government in the territory under the famous Northwest Ordinance.

The museum is a treasure trove of memorabilia of the early families. There are displays of clothing, furniture, china, pottery, silver, pewter, tools, utensils, arms, fabrics, documents, and pictures from Marietta's early years. There is a pioneer kitchen, and a case of relics of Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, the tragic Irish couple who lived from 1798 to 1806 on Blennerhassett's Island, a few miles downstream from Marietta. There are some Masonic items from the first lodge in the Northwest Territory, organized in Campus Martius, June 28, 1790. Finally, there are a number of fine paintings of Marietta scenes and pioneers, among them works by Marietta painters of note, Sala Bosworth, Charles Sullivan, and Lily Martin Spencer.

Devol-Eckel Room





Rufus Putnam House

The feature of the exhibits on early Marietta is the home of Rufus Putnam, which is enclosed in a wing of the museum. It was one of the houses built in 1788 within the Campus Martius fortification. It was a fortified dwelling, like the other houses in the fort, built of hewn or sawed logs four inches thick, fitted tightly together to secure it from arrows, bullets, or even small cannon. After 1795, when the Indian Wars were over, Putnam added four more rooms to his dwelling, which is probably the oldest house in Ohio today.

Associated with the museum and standing to the rear of it is the old Land Office, a one-room log structure erected near Campus Martius in 1788. Built by Putnam, it served for many years as his office as superintendent of the Ohio Company. For about seven years (1796-1803) it was also the office of the surveyor general of the United States when Putnam held that position.



Interior View of the Land Office

The first settlers at Marietta came by river, and the early contact with the East and the economy of the community depended upon the Ohio River. Since the river has played such a role in Marietta's history, it, too, has been honored at the museum. In 1941, through the cooperation and generosity of the organization known as the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, the River Museum was opened in the lower floor of Campus Martius Museum. Here scale models, photographs and paintings, whistles, and other mementoes of river boats of the past and present are on display. Much too large for the museum, but exhibited on the Muskingum River a few blocks away as a subsidiary of Campus Martius Museum, is the stern-wheel towboat W. P. Snyder, Jr. One of the last steamboats on the river, the W. P. Snyder, Jr., offers an opportunity for people to see many features common to the river boat of Mark Twain's day.